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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this letter is transmitted herewith.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified patent application:

U.S. PATENTS

Good	917,587	April 6, 1909
Rosenthal et al.	2,026,753	January 7, 1936
Clay	3,463,581	August 26, 1969
Brachet et al.	4,383,742	May 17, 1983

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Great Britain	17,677	March 19, 1903
Great Britain	6,776	July 20, 1905
Great Britain	106,866	June 14, 1917
France	892,874	May 23, 1944
France	1,029,300	June 1, 1953
France	1,051,712	January 19, 1954
Great Britain	2 230 104	October 10, 1990
EPO	0 393 243	October 24, 1990
Canada	2,053,364	April 13, 1992
Canada	2,242,807	July 17, 1997

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2,263,661  
2 317 985

January 29, 1998  
April 8, 1998

Copies of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), applicants hereby provide the following concise explanations of the relevance, as presently understood by the individual most knowledgeable about the content, of those patents listed above not in the English language.

France 892,874 describes a display device that presents a series of fixed images that may appear animated to an observer moving past the images, provided that the observer is viewing at least ten images per second and that the images are sufficiently well lit. The device includes a board for holding the images and a screen containing vertical slits. The board and screen are parallel to the observer's path, and the screen is positioned between the board and the path.

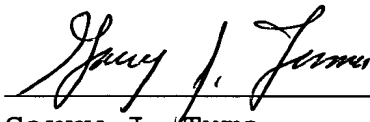
France 1,029,300 describes apparatus for use along roadways and railroads that provides an animation effect. A series of fixed images are placed on a board parallel to the roadway or railroad. A screen with narrow slits is placed between the board and the roadway or railroad. Each slit is aligned with one image. If a traveler moves past about 17 images per second, an animated effect will be obtained.

France 1,051,712 describes improvements to animation devices displaying fixed images through slitted screens to moving observers. The improvements include decreasing the dimensions of the images in the direction of an observer's

motion to view the subject of the images in its exact proportions. The dimensions are decreased by the ratio of the distance from the images to the observer to the distance from the images to the screen. The improvements also include lining the slits with non-reflective lateral baffles that extend toward the screen, the observer, or both, and then regulating the size of the baffles, the width of the slits, or both to limit the number of images that may be viewed through the slits.

It is respectfully requested that the above documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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